

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the Title on page 1 as follows:

OPTICAL DISC DEVICE AND CONTROL METHOD USING PRECEDING
SUB-BEAM TO DETECT A DISC DEFECT ~~FOR OPTICAL DISC DEVICE~~

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 19, line 20, with the following
rewritten paragraph:

Further, in this embodiment, the RF processing circuit 10 selectively processes, in the recording mode, those of the light detection results obtained from the areas A to H, which are obtained from the areas E and F receiving the return light corresponding to the sub-beam spot SP1 formed on the preceding side with respect to the scan of the main beam spot SP0, thereby detecting ~~deteets~~ defects on the optical disc 3. Herein, the term “preceding side” means the side in which the relevant area is scanned by the sub-beam spot earlier than scanned by the main beam spot SP0 regardless of the radial direction and the circumferential direction of the optical disc 3.